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Asking that you will kindly indicate your acceptance of the medal, and with sincerest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,
D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

MOUNT HAMILTON, December 14, 1914.

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Your letter of December 2nd reached Mount Hamilton about three hours after I had started to Chicago, and it finds me at home this morning.

It gives me extreme pleasure to accept the award of the Bruce Gold Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. I feel that the award of the Bruce Medal is the greatest honor which an astronomer can receive, and it is especially gratifying that our Astronomical Society of the Pacific is the organization concerned. The high value which astronomers in general assign to the Bruce Gold Medal award is due in part to the unique method of nominating the recipient, and also to the care which the Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific have always exercised in acting upon the recommendations.

When the first opportunity presents itself, will you kindly inform the Board of Directors of the Society that I accept the award with a high sense of the honor they have conferred upon me?

Yours cordially,
W. W. CAMPBELL.

MR. D. S. RICHARDSON, Secretary,
The Astronomical Society of the Pacific,
No. 752 Phelan Building,
San Francisco, California.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY ON JANUARY 30, 1915, AT 7:15 P. M.

There were present: President R. T. CRAWFORD and Directors R. G. AITKEN, B. A. BAIRD, S. D. TOWNLEY, C. S. CUSHING, CHARLES BURCKHALTER, J. COSTA and D. S. RICHARDSON.

A verbal report was made by Director CUSHING, of the Finance Committee, relative to the three first mortgage five per cent bonds, issued by the Contra Costa Water Company and owned by this Society. On motion of Director AITKEN, seconded by Director BURCKHALTER, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That all questions relating to the three first mortgage five per cent bonds issued by Contra Costa Water Company owned by this Society be, and the same are hereby referred to the Finance Committee, with power to act in all matters pertaining to the same, including the reorganization of the company, or companies, owning the property covered by the lien of said bonds.

After further discussion, and in view of the fact that the necessity might arise of withdrawing the three bonds above mentioned from the custody of the Mercantile Trust Company, where they are at present on

deposit, the following resolution was offered by Director CUSHING. It was seconded by Directors AITKEN and COSTA and unanimously carried:

Resolved, That the President, or either Vice-President, and Secretary of this Society be, and they are hereby, authorized to withdraw from possession of Mercantile Trust Company of San Francisco and receipt for the three first mortgage bonds issued by the Contra Costa Water Company and on deposit with said trust company.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE PHELAN BUILDING, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., ON JANUARY 30, 1915, AT 8:00 P. M.

President R. T. CRAWFORD was in the chair. There being no objection, the minutes of the previous annual meeting were approved as printed.

Reports of committees were called for.

Director CUSHING, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the accounts of the Treasurer had been carefully audited and found to be correct. He also reported that steps were being taken which he believed would result in an early and satisfactory adjustment of all matters growing out of the default upon the three Contra Costa Water Company bonds held by the Society.

Mr. RICHARDSON, of the Library Committee, reported that no additions had been made to the library during the past year other than the regular unbound exchanges.

Mr. F. R. ZIEL, of the Bruce Medal Committee, reported that he had communicated with the French Mint, in Paris, and learned that, owing to war conditions, it would not be possible at present for the mint to strike off the needed medal for the current year.

The report of the Donohoe Comet-Medal Committee was read by the Secretary. This report shows that five comets were discovered in 1914 and that medals were awarded to Messrs. KRITZINGER, ZLATINSKY, and NEUJMIN. Comet *e* 1914 was discovered by several observers, independently, on the same night. The committee withholds the award for the discovery pending the receipt of further data.

All of the foregoing reports were received and approved.

President CRAWFORD then announced the award of the Bruce Gold Medal for the year 1915 to Dr. W. W. CAMPBELL, Director of Lick Observatory. Owing to the difficulty, already noted, of procuring the medal at this time, he stated that some future date would be fixed upon for a more formal presentation ceremony.